



DECEMBER 2025



Upcoming Event >>

Mon 1: 10:00 Coffee Group/ 1:30 Music/ 3:30 Jackpot/ 5:30 News
Tue 2: 10:00 Store Bingo / 1:00 Crafting / 5:30 Puzzles
Wed 3: 10:00 Nail/ 12:00 Nails/ 1:00 Color Me Calm
Thu 4: 10:00 Volleyball/ 12:00 Resident shopping/ 5:30 Local news
Fri 5: 10:00 Boggle/ 2:30 Bingo/4:00 Movie Night/ Prayer Memorial
Sat 6: 10:00 Coffee with Friends/ 2:00 Cribbage Group

Sun 7: 9:00 Virtual Church/ 10:00 Coffee/ 2:00 DIY crafts
Mon 8: 10:00 Coffee Group/ 2:30 Jackpot/ 5:30 Cribbage Group
Tue 9: 10:00 Rootbeer Floats/ 1:00 Crafting / 5:00 Puzzles
Wed 10: 10:00 Nail/ 12:00 Nails/ 1:00 Color Me Calm
Thu 11: 10:00 Volleyball/ 12:00 Resident shopping/ 5:30 Local news
Fri 12: 10:00 Boggle/ 2:30 Bingo / 4:00 Movie Night
Sat 13: 10:00 Coffee with Friends/ 2:00 Cribbage Group

Sun 14: 9:00 Virtual Church/ 10:00 Coffee/ 2:00 DIY crafts
Mon 15: 10:00 Coffee Group/ 2:30 Jackpot/ 5:30 Cribbage Group
Tue 16: 10:00 Store Bingo / 1:00 Crafting / 5:30 Puzzles
Wed 17: 10:00 Nail/ 12:00 Nails/ 1:00 Carolers
Thu 18: 10:00 Volleyball/ 12:00 Resident shopping/ 5:30 Local news
Fri 19: 10:00 Boggle/ 1:00 Satan Comes / 2:00 Live Music Party
Sat 20: 10:00 Coffee with Friends/ 2:00 Cribbage Group

Sun 21: 9:00 Virtual Church/ 10:00 Coffee/ 2:00 DIY crafts
Mon 22: 10:00 Coffee Group/ 2:30 Jackpot/ 5:30 Cribbage Group
Tue 23: 10:00 Rootbeer Floats / 1:00 Crafting / 5:30 Puzzles
Wed 24: 10:00 Nail/ 12:00 Nails/ 1:00 Color Me Calm
Thu 25: 10:00 Coffee & Snacks/ 1:00 Cookie Decorating
Fri 26: 10:00 Boggle/ 2:30 Bingo / 4:00 Movie Night
Sat 27: 10:00 Coffee with Friends/ 2:00 Cribbage Group

Sun 28: 9:00 Virtual Church/ 10:00 Coffee/ 2:00 DIY crafts
Mon 29: 10:00 Coffee Group/ 2:30 Jackpot/ 5:30 Cribbage Group
Tue 30: 10:00 Store Bingo / 1:00 Crafting / 5:30 Puzzles
Wed 31: 10:00 Nail/ 12:00 Nails/ 1:30 Resident Council

ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SALON WILL BE OPEN THE 19TH AT 9AM SIGN UP BY 12TH
IN ACTIVITIES.

RESIDENT SHOPPING LISTS NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO
KAYLA IN ACTIVITY ROOM BY PRIOR FRIDAY

Newsletter

Holiday Traditions Around the World

December is a month filled with celebrations across many cultures. In our community, we love honoring traditions that bring joy, meaning, and connection. Here are a few beloved holiday customs from around the globe:



Mexico – Las Posadas. From December 16th to 24th, families in Mexico celebrate Las Posadas, a beautiful reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter. Communities gather for candlelit processions, prayers, songs, and festive treats like buñuelos and ponche.

Germany – Christmas Markets & Advent. Germany is known for its enchanting Christmas markets (Weihnachtsmärkte), where towns are filled with handmade crafts, warm drinks, and twinkling lights. Many families also celebrate Advent, lighting a candle each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

Italy – La Befana. In Italy, children look forward not only to Christmas, but also to the arrival of La Befana on January 6th. According to tradition, this kindhearted old woman brings gifts to children on the eve of Epiphany, similar to Santa Claus.

Japan – Christmas as a Season of Joy. Although not a religious holiday in Japan, Christmas is celebrated as a season of happiness. Families enjoy light displays, gift-giving, and a unique custom: sharing a special Christmas cake topped with strawberries and cream.

Philippines – The Longest Christmas Season. The Philippines is famous for having one of the longest Christmas celebrations in the world—starting as early as September! One cherished tradition is the Simbang Gabi, a series of dawn masses leading up to Christmas Eve.



Jewish Tradition – Hanukkah. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day celebration that honors the miracle of a small amount of oil lasting eight nights. Families light the menorah, play dreidel, and share foods fried in oil, such as latkes and donuts.

African American Culture – Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration held from December 26th to January 1st. Families come together to honor seven principles such as unity, responsibility, and creativity. Each day, a candle is lit on a kinara to symbolize one principle.



Sweden – St. Lucia Day. On December 13th, Sweden celebrates St. Lucia Day, a festival of light during the winter darkness. Traditionally, a girl dressed in white with a candle crown leads a procession, bringing warm pastries and singing carols.

** Bringing Traditions into Our Community **

Let's play! Word Scramble: Polar Express



1. TINRA _____
2. SMAHCTRSI _____
3. SAMAJAP _____
4. SELBL _____
5. ESTMA _____
6. XSEESPR _____
7. ROEB _____
8. SRLEIV _____
9. TWESLHI _____
10. ILGESH _____
11. NASTA _____
12. RTNHO LPEO _____
13. IEDNERER _____
14. ALROP _____

Meet our Team >>>

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Tell us about your Job.

I help make sure the facility is clean and I do laundry for the residents.

Tell us about your family.

I have 5 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

What are your outside Interests?

I like to hike, go on walks, and relax with my friends and family.

Something not everyone may know about you.

I collect frogs and I enjoy walking, singing, and watching my favorite team win.

Favorite sport team

Green Bay Packers!

Vicki S.
Housekeeping/Laundry



Testimonial >>>



"I toured Meadowbrook at Appleton which was helpful to meet people beforehand. The staff are very nice. They took care of my wife like she was the only one here. I was able to be here as much as I wanted to. Our needs were met, and we were able to discharge when we wanted to. They were understanding of the barriers of our situation. My wife and I have a hard time being apart. I trusted her being with the staff and they helped take care of me while I was there visiting." - Resident's family member



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Employee Birthdays

Emily R., Dec 06



2025 Fun & National Holidays!

- Dec 1 Eat a Red Apple Day
- Dec 2 Fritters Day
- Dec 3 Make a Gift Day
- Dec 4 Wear Brown Shoes Day
- Dec 5 Day of the Ninja
- Dec 6 St Nick Day
- Dec 6 Microwave Oven Day
- Dec 7 Letter Writing Day
- Dec 9 Christmas Card Day
- Dec 10 Cocoa Day
- Dec 11 Noodle Ring Day
- Dec 12 Official Lost and Found Day
- Dec 12 Gingerbread House Day
- Dec 14 Free Shipping Day
- Dec 14 Monkey Day
- Dec 15 Cupcake Day
- Dec 17 Wright Brothers Day
- Dec 19 Underdog Day
- Dec 19 Ugly Sweater Day
- Dec 20 Sangria Day
- Dec 22 Date Nut Bread Day
- Dec 23 Festivus
- Dec 24 Eggnog Day
- Dec 25 Grav Mass Day
- Dec 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- Dec 26 Thank You Note Day
- Dec 27 No Interruptions Day
- Dec 28 Card Playing Day
- Dec 29 Pepper Pot Day
- Dec 31 Make Up Your Mind Day
- Dec 31 **New Year Eve**

Also, December is...

International Sharps Injury Prevention Awareness Month
Universal Human Rights Month